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In re Patent application of)
Matthew TORRES et al.)
Serial No. 09/926,094)
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For: FLOW-THRU CHIP CARTRIDGE)
Atty. Dkt. No.: 114122-135

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicants, Matt Torres et al, respectfully petition to apply for a patent on the basis of the above-captioned application on behalf of themselves and of the non-signing inventor, Ian Stuart Richard Smith. The required petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.

The last known address of the non-signing inventor is 4715 Tally Ho Court, Boulder, Colorado 80301-2864.

The facts relating to the inability to locate the non-signing inventor are set forth in the accompanying Declaration of Brian C. Jones.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Petition or Declaration or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney.

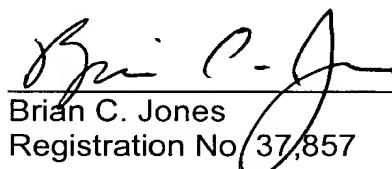
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Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME COMISKY & MCCAULEY LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114122-00135). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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